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TAGS: ENRG, AG

SUBJECT: ALGERIAN LNG SALES

1. THE JULY 4 EDITION OF THE NEW YORK TIMES AND THE
JULY 5 EDITION OF THE WALL STREET JOURNAL CONTAIN
ARTICLES REPORTING THAT SONATRACH HAS CANCELLED PENDING
CONTRACTS TO SELL LNG TO TENNECO AND EL PASO GAS
(EL PASO II) BECAUSE OF USG DELAY IN APPROVING THE SALES.
THE GAS THUS FREED UP WILL REPORTEDLY BE SOLD TO SEVERAL
EUROPEAN PURCHASERS, INCLUDING WEST GERMAN FIRMS BRIGITTA
AND THYSSENGAS.

2. THE ARTICLES,BASED ON ALGERIAN PRESS AGENCY ITEMS,
DO NOT CONTAIN A CLEAR ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF THE CONTRACT
CANCELLATION BY EITHER THE COMPANIES OR THE ALGERIANS
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AND DEPARTMENT HAS ALSO BEEN UNABLE TO GET CONFIRMATION
FROM THE ALGERIAN EMBASSY, SONATRACH-WASHINGTON OR ITS
CONTACTS AT EL PASO OR TENNECO. WASHINGTON WOULD
APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION WHICH THE EMBASSY MAY HAVE ON
THE SUBJECT. VANCE

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